

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - September 10, 1990

Present for the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. were Selectmen Mansfield, Dodge and Johnston with Sandra Gendron taking minutes.

Road Agent Lee Murray was in for his regular meeting with the Selectmen and the first topic for discussion was the installation of utility poles on the Class VI section of Greenfield Road, which will be providing power to the Fillmore Subdivision. Lee has asked that the installation be halted pending investigation; however, Lee did point out that the poles that have already been placed on are the left side of the road which is where the Town would want them in the event that road were upgraded to Class V. Selectman Dodge contended the location of the poles was not the point, they were on a Class VI Road and Selectman Dodge questioned who was paying for the poles, to which Lee did not have an answer. Lee will ask who is paying for the poles and further stated that he did not feel winter maintenance would be an issue. It was stated by New England Telephone officials that Frank Fillmore had told them he would be using the Class VI road for driveways which is not the case.

It was voted by the Board of Selectmen that a memo be sent to the Building Inspector reminding him that no Occupancy Permits were to be issued on the house under construction until such time as a proper driveway was built which was other than the Class VI road. This was part of Frank Fillmore's subdivision approval specifically stating that the road would not be used to access lots. The general feeling of the Board of Selectmen was that if they were not allowing driveways on the Class VI Road, they would not allow the installation of utility poles. Selectman Johnston maintained that the poles should be on Frank Fillmore's right of way and not on the Class VI Road. This contention was maintained by the entire Board and further the Board agreed that the poles had to be moved and relocated on the Fillmore right of way.

The next topic for discussion was the proposed Tucker Mill Road Project which would replace an existing bridge with a culvert. Selectman Dodge suggested that Lee contact his list of contractors and set a date during the next week for an on-site inspection so that bids could be received for the next Selectmen's meeting. This job would be for the placement of the culvert only and Selectman Dodge would prefer that the contractors Lee contacts have their own equipment. Lee agreed to call the contractors on his standard list who have their own equipment necessary for this job and schedule an on-site for Wednesday further stating to the contractors that they had to appear for the on-site in order to be eligible to submit a bid. It was agreed that the bids were to be received in the Town Office on Sept. 17, at 4:00 p.m. and would be opened at 7:00 p.m. the same day.

Lee stated he would also like to have the hearing for work to be done on Thornton Road which is designated a Scenic Road and was told that it was the intention of the Planning Board to combine two necessary hearings.

Lee told the Selectmen that his new "used" pick-up would be ready tomorrow and he would then have the date when he could turn over his present pick-up to be auctioned off. Selectmen Dodge expressed the

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thought that possibly we could put the oldest police cruiser in the auction noting the bad frame.

Lee would also like the Selectmen to go on-site at the Jade Realty subdivision to review what we will be willing to accept as finished in order for Ed Fillmore to have his Letter of Credit reduced. Selectman Mansfield questions winter maintenance. It is Ed Fillmore's desire to leave the Letter of Credit at an amount to finish the road, but the town would assume winter maintenance. The Selectmen agreed that they would set a date at their next meeting.

Lee ended his meeting with the Selectmen by stating that he would see Claire with regard to the hearing to be scheduled for Thornton Road.

Police Chief James McLaughlin was next in to see the Board of Selectmen. He commented that there had been very few problems with the fair. He complimented Sargent Don Sims on doing a fine job supervising on the fairgrounds. In reviewing the hours charged to the fair for police protection Jim feels he saved them thirty two hours and can conceivably save them more next year having seen how the fair runs. He stated that, in his opinion, he related well to the Board of Directors and commented that he had donated thirty hours of his own time as a show of good faith. Jim told the Selectmen that he chose to observe from a distance letting Don Sims handle the supervision of the department which did not please some of the officers; however, he hopes to be able to work the situation out with all involved.

He discussed the fact that he is still having some problems with the documentation of incidents; but his new phones are in and the copy machine is an added advantage.

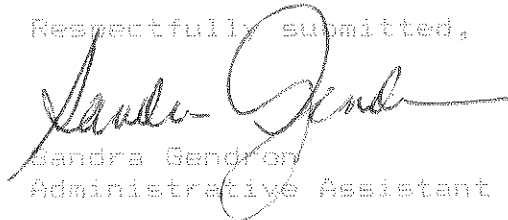
Discussion turned to the emergency lighting which had been purchased for the new cruiser. Due to it's incompatibility with other equipment, four relays have been blown to date. Jim went on to discuss how the situation might be remedied and the expense involved. He did state that he will get credit on the equipment not working satisfactorily towards what he does need. He discussed what he might recommend for future lighting on the new cruiser due to its size. To date the relays have been replaced at no charge to the department. Jim commented that the problems he is having with the emergency lighting is not new and wonders why the former chief chose to purchase the equipment he did. Mainly, Jim wanted the Selectmen to be aware of the problem and stated that the same problem exists with the Blazer. The Selectmen authorized the new cruiser to be fixed and Jim feels with new policy established the matter of the issue with the Blazer can be handled. Jim has looked at emergency lighting racks and is interested in one costing \$675.00, this particular rack can be added on to. The Selectmen authorized Jim to purchase this rack if, in his opinion, it is sufficient to handle the job.

Discussion turned to monies that had been appropriated for the purchase of the new cruiser and Jim found that there still appeared to be \$3500. with the radio not having been paid for. He is dealing with the bookkeeper Naomi to try to determine how the situation

Next in to see the Board of Selectmen was George Owen St. John to discuss his temporary trailer permit which had already received a one-time only extension. George explained the problems that he has run up against with not one but two banks. George works for a company called Seppala and Aho who have just conducted extensive layoffs and although George feels his job is secure banks are reluctant to lend him a mortgage based on recent company happenings. The other matter that comes into play is that his wife is not currently employed. George stated that he was working with a third bank but would need an additional sixty to seventy days once he had been given the loan. Selectman Mansfield felt the circumstances of the St. John's warranted an additional extension, but wondered what could be done with the trailer, the other Selectmen agreed that the extension was justifiable based on current economic conditions. There was some discussion on what would become of the trailer, whether it could be used at the campground or just stored there; however, it was agreed that George would come to the Selectmen's meeting on October 1st at 8:00 p.m. to update the Board on the situation.

Mail was reviewed, checks were signed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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